

1. WARRENTON ACADEMY ASKS STATE AID.

The Memorial and Petition of the Trustees of the Warrenton Academy, respectfully,

History of the
incorporation.

SHEWETH,—That in the year 1786 an Act passed in the General Assembly of this State, directing an Academy to be erected and established for the Education of Youth, under the Name, Stile and Title of “The Warrenton Academy”:—At the same Time Trustees were nominated and appointed thereto, and incorporated after the usual Form and with Similar Powers that other Bodies politick and corporate are by Law vested and established: And in Order more effectually to further this Salutary Measure, the aforesaid General Assembly authorized and empowered the Trustees of the said Academy to raise by Way of Lottery the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Currency, to assist in defraying the expense of Buildings and other Contingences. Your Memorialists beg leave to represent, that altho’ much Pains were taken to carry the said Lottery into effect, yet they proved abortive, as the Number of Tickets contained therein could not be disposed of within the limited time; of Course no publick aid has been virtually given to this laudable Institution; which Independant of so great a disappointment, has through the means of private donations and individual exertions flourished with great Reputation upwards of Ten Years. Your Memorialists mean not to raise any Competition with similar Institutions. They know their value, and how justly they deserve encouragement:—Yet they venture to affirm none has been more eminently useful, nor is any one better calculated to promote the desirable purpose of preparing Youth for our State Seminary:—A circumstance they humbly conceive that cannot fail of attracting Attention, and inducing Consent to their present prayer.

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Individual donations supported
school for ten
years: prepares
students for the
University.

Buildings much
decayed, requiring
repair.

The Building of the Academy is in so decayed a state